# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COAL AND MINES
# LOK SABHA

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COAL RESERVE IN MEGHALAYA
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**Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:**

(a) the extent of coal reserve located in Meghalaya by Geological Survey of India:

(b) the steps taken by the Government for the extraction of coal from that area;

(c) whether the Government have received reports of illegal coal mining in the State;

(d) whether coal from Bangladesh is being smuggled in; and

(e) the quantum of coal produced in Meghalaya during the last three years?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL & MINES (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a): The total coal reserve in Meghalaya state upto a depth of 300 meters from surface as on 1-1-2002 assessed by the Geological Survey of India are as under:-

(In Million Tonnes)

| Proved | Indicated | Inferred | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 117.83 | 40.89 | 300.71 | 459.43 |

(b): North Eastern Coalfield has started drivage of exploratory dip at Simsong lease hold area under West Daranggiri Coalfield. Presently, the work is under suspension.

(c): Though, there is no opening permission issued from Coal Controller to open coal mine in the state of Meghalaya, the Directorate of Mineral resources of the State of Meghalay has been reporting the production of coal from the state.

(d): There is no report that coal from Bangladesh is being smuggled into India.

(e): The production of coal, as reported by Directorate of Mineral Resources, Government of Meghalaya for last three fiscal are as under:-

(In Million Tonnes)

| 1999-2000 | 2000-2001 | 2001-2002 |
|---|---|---|
| 4.060 | 4.065 | 5.149 |